

HOUSE No. 1856

By Mr. Khoury of Lawrence, petition of Arthur M. Khoury and another relative to the penalty for interference with the lawful duties of police officers. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty.

AN ACT TO PREVENT INTERFERENCE WITH THE LAWFUL DUTIES OF POLICE OFFICERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after section
2 34 of chapter 268 the following:
3 *Section 34A:* Whoever interferes with, obstructs, delays or
4 hinders a police officer while in the lawful performance of his
5 duties, or resists a lawful arrest by any unlawful means, or runs
6 away or flees a police officer who has made a lawful arrest, shall be
7 punished by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars or by
8 imprisonment for not more than one year and may if imprisoned
9 also be bound to good behavior for one year after the expiration of
10 such imprisonment.

